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Date: _____

Census Cloze Activity

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The Census of Population and Housing is the largest statistical operation undertaken by the Australian Bureau of _____ (_____). It aims to accurately _____ the number of people in Australia on _____ _____, their key _____, and the _____ in which they live.

In Australia, a Census is conducted every _____ (five years) and the next Australian Census will be conducted on 9 August 2011. Most countries undertake a regular Census. Other countries that conduct a Census every lustrum are Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. Countries such as the United Kingdom, Spain and United States of America conduct a Census every decade (ten years).

Before Census Night, a Census _____ drops off a Census pack at everyone's house. As well as a paper copy of the Census, the pack includes instructions for submitting your information online through _____.

The _____ _____ _____ Act (1905) authorises the Census and the _____ completion of the Census form. This means that on Census Night you are asked to answer the questions on the Census form. If you do not answer the _____, the Australian Statistician has the power to direct you to provide the information. If he does this, you have a legal obligation to comply.

The _____ counts all people in Australia on Census Night except for foreign diplomats and their families. Visitors to Australia are included regardless of how long they have been in the country or how long they plan to stay. Australian residents who are out of the country on Census Night are not included.

Words to insert

ABS
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Census and Statistics
Census Night
characteristics
collector
compulsory
count
dwellings
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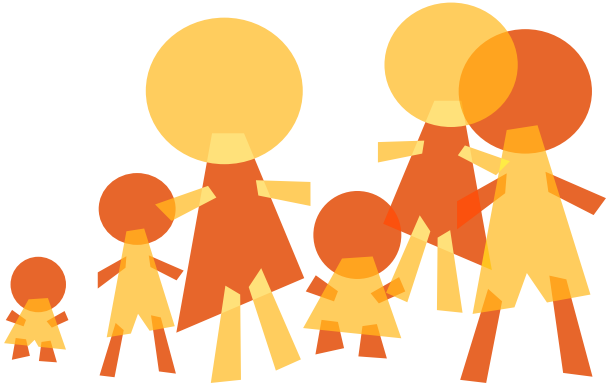
questions
Statistics



Census Cloze Activity (cont)

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The Census focuses on aspects of Australia's _____, and asks questions about the people in your _____ such as their _____, _____, _____; migrant and indigenous status. The _____ _____ _____ gives Australians the

option to have their name-identified information retained securely by the National Archives of Australia for 99 years and then released for people such as genealogists or future generations of the family. All the information given to Census is _____.

The Census is vitally important to Australian communities. It provides a _____ of the nation which helps to define who we are. It underpins Australia's democracy and is crucial to:

- the communities we live in and _____ organisations such as Scouts and Brownies
- private institutions such as childcare centres
- Federal, State and Local _____ make _____ and _____ for the planning of services and facilities such as hospitals or where to build new houses

The number of seats each state and territory has in the House of Representatives is also based on Census figures, as are federal _____ arrangements to the _____ and _____. Census information is used as the basis for allocation of GST revenue to the states and territories. All ABS _____ figures are based on the Census.

The _____ collected in the Census becomes available about a year after Census Night. Lots of the data is free for anyone to use. QuickStats is a program that can give _____ and geographic area statistics using an overview of main Census statistics such as age and country of birth. _____ generates maps of _____ _____ that display geographic areas in a range of colours to convey differences in the Census topic being investigated such as main language spoken at home or income. You can find Census data at www.abs.gov.au/census.

Words to insert

Census Time Capsule
community
confidential
data
decisions
demography
employment
funding
Governments
household
income
MapStats
national
nationality
policy
population
snapshot
states
statistical regions
Statistics
territories